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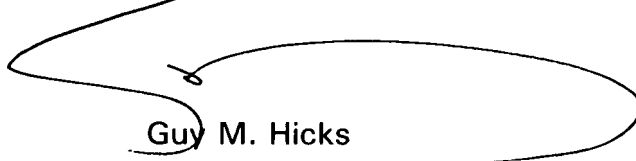
Re: *Petition for Arbitration of XO Tennessee, Inc. with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 03-00630

Dear Hearing Officer Stone:

This is in response to your Notice of November 22, 2005. BellSouth and XO continue to negotiate. In fact, the parties had settlement discussions as recently as December 6, 2005. However, there is nothing new to report in terms of a settlement, other than what has previously been reported to the Authority.

Local counsel for XO has approved the submission of this letter on XO's behalf.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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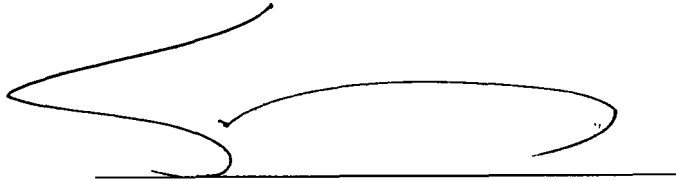
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